

under its seal and be served by the Sergeant at Arms of the House or his special messenger; to sit during the sessions of the House until adjournment sine die of the Seventieth Congress and thereafter until said inquiry is completed, and report to the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of the Seventy-first Congress.

SEC. 2. That said special committee be, and the same is hereby, authorized to employ such stenographic, clerical, and other assistance as they may deem necessary, and all expenses incurred by said special committee, including the expenses of such committee when sitting in or outside the District of Columbia, shall be paid out of the contingent fund of the House of Representatives on vouchers ordered by said committee, signed by the chairman of said committee: *Provided, however,* That the total expenditures authorized by this resolution shall not exceed the sum of \$5,000.

Approved, March 2, 1929.

Report to House Judiciary Committee.

Clerical, etc., assistance, and expenses, authorized.

Proviso.

Expenditures limited.

CHAP. 682.—An Act To provide for the relocation of Michigan Avenue adjacent to the southerly boundary of the United States Soldiers' Home grounds, and for other purposes.

March 4, 1929.

[S. 6843.]

[Public, No. 1010.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in order to relocate the line of Michigan Avenue from Franklin Street as laid down on the plan of the permanent system of highways for the District of Columbia to Lincoln Road, bordering the southeast corner of the grounds of the United States Soldiers' Home, and to straighten and shorten the route of said avenue, the Commissioners of the District of Columbia be, and they are hereby, authorized to close, vacate, and abandon the portion of Michigan Avenue known and designated as Parcel E on map filed in the office of the surveyor of the District of Columbia and numbered as map 1429, containing fifty-four thousand three hundred and eighty square feet, said part so closed, vacated, and abandoned to be transferred by said Commissioners of the District of Columbia to the United States as part of the grounds of the United States Military Asylum, known as the United States Soldiers' Home.

District of Columbia.
Michigan Avenue.
Relocation of, from Franklin Street to Lincoln Road.

Portion vacated and transferred to Soldiers' Home grounds.

SEC. 2. That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia are authorized to use for street purposes all that part of the United States Soldiers' Home grounds designated as Parcel A, containing fifty-seven thousand six hundred and thirteen square feet, and Parcel B containing eleven thousand eight hundred and seventy square feet, as shown on map filed in the office of the surveyor of the District of Columbia and numbered as map 1429; and the proper authorities having title, control, or jurisdiction are authorized to make the necessary transfer of said parcels of land to the District of Columbia for street purposes.

Soldiers' Home grounds.

Use of part of, for street purposes.

Transfer authorized.

SEC. 3. That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia are authorized to close, vacate, and abandon the portion of Michigan Avenue known and designated as Parcel D, containing sixty-nine thousand three hundred and thirty-six square feet, and Parcel H, containing seven thousand two hundred and seventy-nine square feet, as shown on map filed in the office of the surveyor of the District of Columbia and numbered as map 1429, title to said parcels so closed, vacated, and abandoned to revert in fee simple to the owner or owners of the parcel numbered on the assessment records of the District of Columbia as parcel 120/1, said closing of said street and the transfer of title thereto to be upon the condition and with the express stipulation that the owner or owners of said parcel

Designated portion of Michigan Avenue vacated.

Reversion in fee simple to owners of designated parcels.

Condition.

Owners to dedicate described land to the Commissioners of the District.

Transfer of parcel as part of Soldiers' Home grounds.

Proviso.
Transfer to the owners, designated land by Soldiers' Home commissioners.

Plat showing transfers to be prepared and certified by the District surveyor.

Recorded in office of surveyor.

Legal transfer of titles when so recorded.

Relocation of tracks required by Washington Railway and Electric Company.

Costs and expenses by the Company.

Supervision of work.

Amount authorized for paving Michigan Avenue, between North Capitol and Monroe Streets, made available.
Ante, p. 1272.

120/1 shall dedicate to the District of Columbia for street purposes all of the parcel known and designated as Parcel F, containing forty-three thousand one hundred and sixty-one square feet, as shown on map filed in the office of the surveyor of the District of Columbia and numbered as map 1429, and shall further, in consideration of the increase in area of the property of said owner or owners of said parcel 120/1 by reason of the transfers as provided herein, dedicate to the District of Columbia about thirty-six thousand square feet of land, the location of which shall be mutually agreed upon by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia and the owner or owners of parcel 120/1, and that said owner or owners of said parcel 120/1 shall transfer to the United States as part of the grounds of the United States Military Asylum, known as the United States Soldiers' Home, all of the parcel known and designated as Parcel G, containing one thousand five hundred and forty-three square feet, as shown on said map numbered 1429 in the office of the surveyor of the District of Columbia: *Provided, however*, That the board of commissioners of the United States Soldiers' Home, or the proper authorities having title, control, or jurisdiction, shall transfer to the owner or owners of the parcel designated on the assessment and taxation records of the District of Columbia as parcel 120/1 all the land comprised within the parcel known and designated as Parcel C containing four thousand five hundred and seventeen square feet, as shown on map filed in the office of the surveyor of the District of Columbia and numbered as map 1429.

SEC. 4. That the surveyor of the District of Columbia is hereby authorized to prepare the necessary plat or plats showing all parcels of land to be transferred in accordance with the provisions of this Act, with a certificate affixed thereon to be signed by the parties in interest making the necessary transfers; which plat and certificate, after being signed by the various interested parties and approved by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, shall be recorded upon order of said commissioners in the office of the surveyor of the District of Columbia; and said plat or plats, when duly recorded in said office of the surveyor of the District of Columbia, shall constitute a legal transfer of title of the various parcels to the parties in interest according to the provisions contained in this Act.

SEC. 5. That the Washington Railway and Electric Company shall be authorized and required, upon the straightening and shortening of the line of Michigan Avenue as provided herein, to remove the tracks of said company from their present location along Michigan Avenue, from Franklin Street as laid down on the plan of the permanent system of highways of the District of Columbia to Lincoln Road, and to relocate said tracks along the center of Michigan Avenue according to the new location of said avenue between said points, as straightened and shortened in accordance with the provisions of this Act, and to bring said relocated tracks to approved grade of said avenue as determined by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, and to do all necessary work in connection therewith, the costs and expenses of the removal and relaying of tracks and replacing the trolley poles, and all necessary work incident thereto, to be borne by said Washington Railway and Electric Company; all such work to be performed under the supervision and to the satisfaction and approval of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia.

SEC. 6. That the appropriation contained in the District of Columbia Appropriation Act for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1930, for the paving of Michigan Avenue between North Capitol and Monroe Streets, northeast, is hereby also made available to pay

any and all expenses for grading of roadways and for removing and replacing water mains and for any and all work incident thereto, including the reconstruction of the boundary fence in good condition of the United States Soldiers' Home on the boundary line of its grounds as relocated on said plat, the removal of the street pavements and sidewalks from the area transferred to said home and for bringing the surface of said area to grade with loose earth suitable for growing vegetation; any trees required to be cut in making the proposed change to remain the property of the United States Soldiers' Home and to be cut into cord lengths, split, and stacked by the District of Columbia.

SEC. 7. That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia are hereby authorized, upon the straightening and shortening of Michigan Avenue as provided by this Act, to do any and all acts which may be necessary to give the Washington Railway and Electric Company such easement or right of way over said Michigan Avenue as is necessary for the proper operation of the railway lines and cars of said company over said avenue as straightened and shortened by the provisions of this Act.

Easement given Railway Company over Michigan Avenue when straightened, etc.

SEC. 8. That the charter or act of incorporation of the Washington Railway and Electric Company is hereby amended so as to provide for the lawful relocation of the tracks of said company as provided herein, said charter or act of incorporation to conform in all respects to the provisions of this Act, and any and all provisions in said charter or act of incorporation in conflict with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed.

Charter of Railway Company amended to provide for the relocation of tracks as provided herein.

Approved, March 4, 1929.

CHAP. 683.—An Act Relating to declarations of intention in naturalization proceedings.

March 4, 1929.
[H. R. 16440.]
[Public, No. 1011.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the first subdivision of section 4 of the Act entitled "An Act to establish a Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization and provide for a uniform rule for the naturalization of aliens throughout the United States," approved June 29, 1906, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

"First. He shall declare on oath before the clerk of any court authorized by this Act to naturalize aliens, or his authorized deputy, in the district in which such alien resides, two years at least prior to his admission, and after he has reached the age of eighteen years, that it is bona fide his intention to become a citizen of the United States and to reside permanently therein, and that he will, before being admitted to citizenship, renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, State, or sovereignty, and particularly, by name, to the prince, potentate, State, or sovereignty of which the alien may be at the time of admission a citizen or subject. Such declaration shall set forth the name, age, occupation, personal description, place of birth, last foreign residence, the date of arrival, the name of the vessel, if any, in which he came to the United States, and the present place of residence in the United States of said alien. No declaration of intention or petition for naturalization shall be made outside of the office of the clerk of court."

SEC. 2. Section 1 of this Act shall take effect sixty days after its enactment. A declaration of intention made before the expiration of such sixty-day period, whether before or after the enactment of this Act, in which appears an erroneous statement of allegiance, shall not be held invalid for such cause if the error was due to a

Naturalization of aliens.
Declaration of intention.
Vol. 34, p. 596, amended.
U. S. Code, p. 158.
Declaration on oath.

Qualifications, etc.

To reside permanently.

Personal description, etc.

Declarations, etc., not to be made outside of office of clerk.

Effective in 60 days.

Provision for erroneous statement of allegiance.